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Chapter 6 Religion
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WILSON METHODIST CHURCH---COLORADO

Soon after the colored settlement was established at
Lamarburg (1870) they petitioned the School Board for a
school house and one was built about 1878. It was used for
church services until the Baptist church was built in 1902.
This church was intended to have been open to all denominations
but when it was finished the Methodists found it necessary
to build a church of their own so they began making prepara-
tions to do so.

The money was raised by public donation and church
members of village. The ones to sponsor the building of the
church were: Joseph Wilson, Billie Wilson, Lina Wilson and
Melissa Wilson.

The deed for the land was given on October 2, 1903
by Joseph Wilson to William Wilson, Price Graves, Anos
Jackson, Amor Crawford, and G. W. Wilson, trustees, for the
sum of one dollar a parcel of land containing one acre upon
which a church is to be erected within five years from Jan.
1, 1904. In the event that said church is not erected within
said five years this conveyance shall be void.

Among other church members are: Charlott Wheeler,
Holly Wilson, Louisa Wilson, May Wheeler, Belle Wheeler,
Lillian Rogers and Mabel Rogge.

The church was built in 1880, and was one of the best of its kind in the
county at that time.

At the time the church was built Brownburg was
rather thickly populated and there were enough people to
keep up two churches, but now the older ones have passed
away and many of the younger people have moved elsewhere
until at the present there are not many to attend either
church. For many years the people have attended both
churches, going to one in the morning and to the other in
the afternoon. The ladies of both churches also belong to
the Ladies Aid organization, so that both denominations
were together very nicely.

From-- Charlotte Wheeler

Melle Wheeler

Deed Book.





THE SOUTHERN BAPTIST CHURCH - MEMBERS - COLORED

The first church built in this colored settlement was the
Methodist Baptist Church in the year of 1808.

The seed for the land was given by B. W. Vaughn and Mend
A. Vaughn, his wife on March 2, 1807 to Andy Wheeler, J. A.
Peterson, William Walker and B. W. Vaughn, trustees. The acre
upon which the Baptist congregation has already erected a
church.

Money for building the church was raised by rappers and
a subscription. The white folks in surrounding communities,
and especially in the town of Marlinton gave money.

This church has a gallery in the rear. It is very much in
need of repair at the present time, especially on the outside.
There is preaching once a month. Many of the old and loyal
members have passed away and the young people, none elsewhere,
so that there is now a small class, but this little band of
Baptist hope some day to be able financially to repair their
little church, and to experience the old revival spirit they
were once known.

Other members not heretofore mentioned are: Walter Witte

- John Walker, Andy Wheeler, William Walker,
- Mr. William Walker, Misses Boggs, Agnes Peters,
- Janet Jackson, Mrs. James Jackson, James Martin, Mary
- McDowell, Mrs. Harry McDowell, Angeline Light, Leva Jackson,
- Little Boggs, Howard Witte, Louise Witte, Mrs. Goodwin,
- and Mrs. Goodwin.

